



2016 TechGirls Program Application

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Application Deadline: March 1, 2016

Program Description: TechGirls is an international exchange program designed to empower young girls from the Middle East and North Africa to pursue careers in science and technology.

The program provides approximately 27 teenage girls, ages 15-17, from select countries in the Middle East and North Africa the opportunity to travel to the United States in summer 2016 for a month-long U.S.-based exchange focused on promoting the high-level study of technology. Program activities will include a technology camp with American peers, hands-on classes and labs, individual and/or team-based project design and development, mentoring experiences, job shadowing, site visits to technology companies in Washington, D.C. and surrounding communities, and community service. Tentative exchange dates: July 12 – August 3, 2016.

TechGirls return home with the knowledge, skills, new ideas and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their schools and communities through achievable action projects using technology. TechGirls will work on action plans in the United States and refine their plans upon return home.

This program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

- [Facebook.com/StateDeptTechGirls](https://www.facebook.com/StateDeptTechGirls)
- [Twitter.com/TechGirls](https://twitter.com/TechGirls)

Students who may apply are those who:

- 1) are from one of the following eligible countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, and Tunisia;
- 2) are between the ages of 15 and 17;
- 3) have demonstrated advanced skills and a serious interest in technology, engineering, and/or math in their academic studies;
- 4) intend to pursue higher education and/or careers in technology;
- 5) have strong English language skills;
- 6) exhibit maturity, flexibility, and open-mindedness;
- 7) will attend at least one additional semester of secondary school upon their return to their home country; and
- 8) are committed to completing a follow-on project upon their return home

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Instructions for completing this application: Please fill out the application in English as completely as possible. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program.

- 1) All sections of this application must be filled out accurately and completely. Missing information will delay or prevent consideration of your application.
- 2) All applications forms and references should be typed.
- 3) All sections requiring a signature must be signed.
- 4) **IMPORTANT:** Please submit application materials (application form and essays) as **one file**, either in PDF or MS Word. Please do not scan in individual pages and attach them as individual documents.
- 5) **Please contact the Public Affairs Section of your local U.S. Embassy for additional information.**

Applications should be submitted to:

Please submit your application form CV copy of passport by **March 01, 2016**.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Please Email CV and application to Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov and copy Sirianimy@state.gov; call 02-622-7107 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to (Gazaexchanges@gmail.com); call 08-286-4623 for more information.

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Student Application

About you:

Last (Family) Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Nam: _____

Nickname: _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Birth date: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Address: _____

City, Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

City and Country of Birth: _____

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence: _____

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About your family:

Parent or guardian name(s): _____

Address (if different from yours): _____

Father: Telephone _____ Email _____

Mother: Telephone _____ Email _____

Brothers/Sisters:

Name	Gender	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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About your education:

School name: _____

School address: _____

City, Postal code: _____

Current grade: _____ Year you will graduate: _____

How many years have you studied English? _____

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

About your academic and community interests:

Academic subjects you are most interested in: _____

Please list in the space below any specific classes in which you have participated to date that relate to the field of technology.

Please describe any extracurricular activities in which you have participated that relate to technology, how long you have been involved with each, as well as any awards or honors received. Use additional space as needed.

Please describe any additional extracurricular/community activities (non-technology related) in which you have participated, and how long you have been involved with each.

Future studies and/or possible occupations you've considered: _____

Essay Questions

Please provide responses to the following questions below.

- 1) What, or who, initially sparked your interest in the field of technology?

- 2) Why is participation in this program important to you and how will it benefit you both personally and academically? What type of skills do you hope to develop and improve during the TechGirls program?

- 3) Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.

- 4) One of the requirements of the program is that you apply the skills you learn in creating a unique follow-on project upon your return home. Describe how you would use the tech skills you gain from this program to design a follow on project. How would it help your community?

- 5) What one or two words describe you best and why?

More about you:

Do you have a valid passport? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes: Issuing Country _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date (day/month/year): _____

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes: Where, when, why? _____

SIGNATURES

Applicant signature:

I, the TechGirls applicant, certify that all information provided within this application is accurate and true

Name (signature) _____ Date _____

Parent (or guardian) signatures:

I permit my daughter to apply for and, if selected, to travel to the United States in mid-July to participate in the three-week TechGirls exchange program.

1) Name (signature) _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

Date _____

2) Name (signature) _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

Date _____